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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

**BOULANGER et al.**Atty. Ref.: **1721-30**

National Phase of

Group:

Serial No. **PCT/FR98/02563**Filed: **May 25, 2001**

Examiner:

For: **MEANS FOR GENERATING OPTICAL RADIATIONS  
TUNEABLE AT LEAST IN FREQUENCY**

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**May 25, 2001**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**REQUEST UNDER RULE 137(b) FOR WITHDRAWAL OF UNINTENTIONALLY  
ABANDONED APPLICATION**

The Office is requested to withdraw the abandonment of the above-identified application, for which a request to begin national examination should have been made in the U.S. by May 27, 2000. The entire delay in filing the U.S. national phase request for examination from the due date for filing until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant Rule 137(b) was unintentional as the applicants did not intend to abandon the subject matter of the application.

Specifically, attached is an express request to begin national examination; a copy of the international application PCT/FR98/02563 as published in the French language (WO 99/28785); an English translation of the application (including 61 pages (40 claims), abstract and 11 sheets of drawings); and an executed Declaration of the inventors (as well as an unexecuted copy of the Declaration). Moreover, the requisite filing fee and Petition fee set forth in Rule 17(m) are also attached along with an English

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translation of the Annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report (14 pages) and copy of the IPER and annexes in the French language. In view of the above listed items and attachments of the same, the applicants respectfully submit the "reply" requirement by Rule 137(b) has been satisfied and notification to the undersigned that the application has been revived is requested.

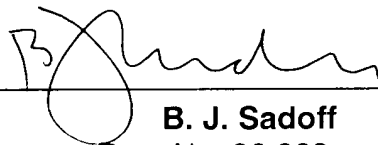
Entry of the attached Preliminary Amendment and consideration and return of the attached PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP §609 are also requested.

The Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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